

# ***Locomotive Safety Standards Working Group***



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# ***Locomotive Working Group Report***



- Since the last report to the full RSAC, September 21, 2006, the Locomotive Working Group has met three times;

September 25 & 26, 2006, Arlington VA

October 30 & 31, 2006, Kansas City, MO

January 9 & 10, 2007, Raleigh, NC

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- The working group has reached consensus to allow locomotive pilot or snow plow height to be raised above 6 inches above top of rail in yards with hump facilities to prevent damage to the locomotive and retarder equipment.
- Working group continues to discussed the use of electronic data storage to maintain all required locomotive records.

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- The working group reached consensus on codifying the locomotive electronic air brake waivers into the regulations, the group still needs to determine how to make the same changes for similarly equipped passenger locomotives.
- The group agreed to add additional language to locomotive head lamp requirement to include additional approved lamps.

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- The group tabled discussions on AAR's request for a Risk Biased Performance Standard to replace FRA required locomotive inspections.
- The group is now looking into a proposal to increase the time between periodic inspections for specific locomotives and retain some form of the daily inspection.
- As part of this discussion the group voted to form a task group to evaluate performance of the specific locomotives and report back to the working group.

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- Working group agreed to eliminate expired provisions in 229.133, “Interim locomotive conspicuity measures-auxiliary external lights” .
- Next Working Group meeting is scheduled for March 6 & 7, 2007, in Orlando, FL.